GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Suicides at Metro
Ram Shri Janak

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of people who have committed suicides on metro tracks during the last two years and the current year so far; and

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for checking suicides on metro tracks;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): The cases of persons found fallen on the metro track have been reported only in Delhi Metro Rail Network. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) has informed that they have found 46, 51 and 39 cases of persons falling on the metro track during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as on 14.11.2016) respectively.

(b): The steps taken by Metro organizations to prevent suicide attempts over Metro Rail Network are as below:

I. Train operators have been asked to be extra vigilant while approaching platform and apply emergency brakes to stop the train whenever suicide attempt is noticed.
II. The Security Controller/CISF and Station Controllers have been asked to keep extra vigil on CCTV to identify restless or gloomy persons who may commit suicide.
III. Queue managers have been placed to segregate unused area of platform.
IV. Passengers are advised to keep away from yellow line on platform through regular announcements and random checks by staff.
V. Signages have been placed at the metro station advising the passengers to keep off the track intimating them that the event may cause life changing injury.
VI. Large numbers of CCTV cameras have been installed;
VII. Emergency Stop Plunger is provided on each platform to stop the approaching train in case of emergency;
VIII. Hot Line Communication between passengers on platform with Station Control Room is made available at each platform; and
IX. Track access gates in locked condition are provided at each end of the platform, to restrict entrance of any passenger from platform to track.

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